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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
Geography Division, ORR  
Project Initiation Memorandum

TO: Chief, Geographic Research

Project No.: **63.1639**

FROM: Chief, Geography Division

Date: **19 March 1958**

1. Subject of Proposed Project: **SOVIET-NORWEGIAN SEA BOUNDARY AGREEMENT**

2. Statement of Problem: (Outline to be attached)  
**Recent conciliatory moves by the USSR toward Norway include agreement to the fixing of a boundary between the territorial waters of the two countries in the Barents Sea off their northern coasts. This is significant as constituting a de facto recognition by Norway of the Soviet 12-mile claim.**

3. Requester: **Self-initiated**  
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4. Responsible Analyst: [REDACTED] Branch: **OO/E**

5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired from:  
a. Other divisions of the Geographic Area (include maps):  
**One map on OM format to be prepared by D/OC,**  
b. D/OL Domestic Procurement:  
c. Other parts of CIA:  
d. Outside CIA:

6. Estimated Man Hours: **85**

7. Probable Completion Date: **10 April 1958**

8. Probable Form of Final Publication: **CIA/RR-OM**

9. Special Recommendations Regarding Distribution of Finished Report:  
**Standard distribution for CIA/RR-OM's.**

10. Comments:

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Chief, Geography Division

*Approved:*

**24 MAR 1958**

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Chief, Geographic Research

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